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loan of Rs. 1,730 and an exgratia grant of Rs. 1,050. The particulars of the recoverable loans are: house building Rs. 800; plough animals Rs. 700; cost of utensils Rs. 130; seeds and manures Rs. 100; the details of exgratia grant are: subsistence allowance of Rs. 70 per month for eight months in the first year and for four months in the next year and passage allowance of Rs. 210.

Collection of dues from salt pan owners in Kanyakumari district

* 232 Q.—SRI T. T. DANIEL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the total amount of dues which the Government have to collect from the salt pan owners in the Kanyakumari district till April 1958; and

(b) what steps the Government have taken to collect the dues?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (a) The total amount of dues on 1—4—1958 was Rs. 3,20,337-85 nP.

(b) The dues from salt pan owners in Kanyakumari district are collectable in accordance with agreements executed by each of them with the former Travancore-Cochin Government. From 1950 onwards till April 1956, the collections of these dues was not enforced. In April, 1956 the Travancore-Cochin Government ordered, based on terms agreed to at a conference between the Travancore-Cochin Government and the salt lessees, that,

(1) dues prior to 1—4—1950 should be collected in accordance with the terms of the agreements; and

(2) dues after 1—4—1950 should be collected at Rs. 30 per acre. Notices were accordingly issued to the parties concerned. Some of them have paid the amount on receipt of notice. The amount so far collected is Rs. 86,279-87 nP. The majority of the owners have, however, raised objections and one owner, viz., Colachel Salt Factory has filed a writ petition in the High Court, Madras, which is pending disposal. The decision of the High Court on the writ petition is awaited for taking further steps in the matter.

The hon. Member Sri T. T. Daniel rose.

MR. SPEAKER: How can the member ask a supplementary when the matter is before the Court?

SRI T. T. DANIEL: I am not asking about the matter before the Court. My question is only about the representation made by small salt pan owners and the orders passed by the erstwhile T.C. Government.

May I know from the Hon'ble Minister whether small salt pan owners made representations to the Government that the order of the then Government (the erstwhile T.C. Government) fixing the rate was only favourable to the rich pan owners and that it

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was an order passed behind their backs and will the Government consider the desirability of revising that order, in the light of the representations made?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Favourable or unfavourable the decision was the result of parleys conducted between the T.C. Government and the lessees. Whether the lessees were big or small that is a different matter. Even in the matter of implementing the decision there is trouble and that is the matter before the Court.

MR. SPEAKER : There is one other point. In the answer^{9 a.m.} given there is no reference to big and small salt pan owners. So, the writ petition was filed on behalf of both and I therefore rule that no further supplementary questions should be asked.

Livestock Farm

* 233 Q.—SRI T. SAMPATH (on behalf of SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) what extent of land had been taken over by the Animal Husbandry Department in Eachankottai, Orathanad taluk, Tanjore district for the use of the livestock farm;

(b) to what use has this area been put;

(c) whether sanction has been accorded for the construction of buildings for this farm in this area;

(d) if so, what buildings and at what cost; and

(e) whether there is a proposal to take over additional area of poramboke land available adjacent to Eachankottai?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) 336.96 acres.

(b) The area has been utilised for the cultivation of fodder and vegetables and for planting avenue plants.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Yes Sir.

SRI A. R. SUBBIAH MUDALIAR : ஈச்சம்கோட்டையில் இருக்கும் நிலங்களை அக்விசிஷன் எடுத்துக்கொள்வதில் காலதாமதம் ஆவதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : இதில் காலதாமதம் ஒன்றும் இல்லை. இதுவரை 336 சொச்சம் ஏக்கர்கள் எடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. இன்னும் 200 சொச்சம் ஏக்கர்கள் எடுத்துக் கொள்வதற்கான நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுத்து வரப்படுகின்றன. இன்னும் கொஞ்சம் நிலம் எடுப்பதற்கு உத்தேசம் இருக்கிறது. அதற்கான நடவடிக்கைகளும் எடுக்கப்பட்டு வருகின்றன.